

LATE GOALS BEAT WYCOMBE

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE, a goal in the lead for only thirty seconds, held out at 1-1 until with ten minutes to go the Casuals suddenly found a way through the defence again to take both points.

Corinthian Casuals: Clyde, Turnbull, Durham, Pratt, Goy, Moore, Williams, Black, Clarke, Richardson, Bateson.

Wycombe: Patrick, Buck, Pullin, Thomas, Royston, Gale, Worley, Bassett, Merrick, Horseman, Hodges.

Referee: Mr. A. J. Pique. of Footing.

Two Casuals players arrived 15 minutes after the original kick-off time and one Wycombe player, David Bassett, arrived more than five minutes after the game had started.

A newspaper reporter was just changing for Wycombe when Bassett arrived to take his place.

The frosty pitch seemed to suit the quick passing style of Casuals and they did most of the early attacking. After seven minutes they nearly took the lead when Moore fired in a shot which Patrick pushed out.

Then Beck's pass back beat his keeper, who had slipped, but the full-back managed to clear. After 25 minutes HORSEMAN outjumped the defence to head in a Bassett cross and put Wycombe in the lead.

SOON EQUALISED

But 30 seconds later Casuals were on terms again as MOORE ran through to shoot home. For the remainder of the first half both sides tried unsuccessfully to open another path to goal.

Half-time: Corinthian-Casuals 1, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

Bassett nearly put Wycombe

ahead after the interval but Joy blocked what looked like a certain goal.

Wycombe had a lucky escape when Williams hit a shot over Patrick but it bounced on to the cross bar. The next minute Pullin headed away as his goalkeeper was stranded.

The Casuals kept up the pressure but Patrick was in great form and he often saved brilliantly.

Luck was really on Wycombe's side when Casuals leader Clarke saw his shot beat Patrick but bounce into the goalkeeper's arms after hitting a post.

But with only ten minutes left, their pressure paid off when BATESON tapped home a shot from close range. And in the last seconds, right winger WILLIAMS put the issue beyond doubt.

RESULT:

CORINTHIAN-CASUALS 3
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

WANDERERS ECLIPSED

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DAVID BASSETT, Wycombe Wanderers reserve inside right, missed the opening 10 minutes of this Isthmian League battle which Casuals dominated at Dulwich Hamlet yesterday (writes COLIN BARR).

He lost his way to the ground. But 15 minutes later Bassett's high pass found Tony Horseman ready to head the Wanderers towards what looked like being a convincing victory.

This sudden retaliation, against a Casuals side that showed unexpected cohesion and goal thrust, was eclipsed only a minute later when Ted Moore equalised.

After the interval Wycombe, with an attack that repeatedly failed to blend, adopted deep-defence tactics as their goalkeeper, Phil Patrick, made excellent saves from Dave Richardson.

Wycombe were lucky when Alan Williams headed on to the bar and Ken Clarke's shot skimmed beneath diving Patrick—and struck a post.

Casuals' goals came in the 79th minute from Joe Bateson and Williams a minute from the end.

I allow for the hard and so tricky surface, but this was one of the most disjointed Wycombe formations I have seen.

The Wanderers' rearguard was too often slow in clearing, and adopted what could prove a costly habit of back-passing within the goal area.